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More racial profiling data, more problems

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Some officers provided incorrect info: Second review

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Metro | Ottawa

Researchers who looked at Ottawa police traffic stops for evidence of racial profiling are downplaying a separate report that found some officers provided inaccurate data out of fear of losing their jobs.

York University researchers Lesley Jacobs and Lorne Foster reviewed the numbers and concluded that black and Middle Eastern people alike are being pulled over at a rate higher than what is expected.

In a separate review, researchers Phillip Primeau and Gregory Brown asked 57 police officers about the project and found some frontline officers deliberately entered inaccurate data.

Metro asked Primeau for a copy of that review, but via email he said he needed permission from the Ottawa Police Service. The force has yet to respond to a request for a copy of the document.

Jacobs said they mentioned the Primeau and Brown report in their work, but he doesn't believe it was a major factor.

"That constituted a very small fraction of the members, so it's doubtful that it's representative," he said. "The idea that it was widespread or distorting, there is no basis for that."

He said senior officers reviewed the data closely, especially as the project was starting up — and he's confident the numbers are right.

We break down police traffic stop data, metroNEWS

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POLITICS

Pay equity panel gaffe highlights need for better representation

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

The absence of women on most House of Commons committees comes down to "a supply problem," according to Equal Voice.

The federal finance committee took some heat last week when its lone female member was missing from a pre-budget consultation in Charlottetown.

A public delegate tweeted the irony of presenting her pay equity concerns to a panel of men — which, she added, didn't ask any follow-up questions.

Finance committee member and Pickering-Uxbridge MP Jennifer O'Connell had been away that week. Her absence was notable as the only woman on the 10-member committee, which has been hearing from public witnesses on budget-related issues since late September.

Conservative MP Lisa Raitt was also a member until recently, when she stepped down to consider a crack at the Tory leadership. The Conservatives replaced her with MP Gerard Deltell.

Equal Voice spokesperson Nancy Peckford said it's not surprising the Conservatives didn't choose a female replacement.

"There's simply not enough women left over among the remaining female members to fill those committees," Peckford said.

There are only 88 women in the House, a mere 26 per cent.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during a session at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Wednesday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **I'm not always the only one raising things about women in the workforce.** Jennifer O'Connell

Seventeen of those are Conservative, while 50 are Liberal.

The Liberals are especially pinched: they have the most committee spots to fill, and 27 of their female MPs are already cabinet ministers and parliamentary secretaries.

It's a problem that reaches far beyond just one committee.

Most standing committees include only one or two women. And two — the Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics committee and the Industry, Science and Technology committee — have none at all.

Only the Status of Women and special pay equity committees have female majorities.

This dismal representation highlights a broader need to get more women into elected office in the first place, Peckford said.

"This is really a question of investing in future generations and women candidates," she said.

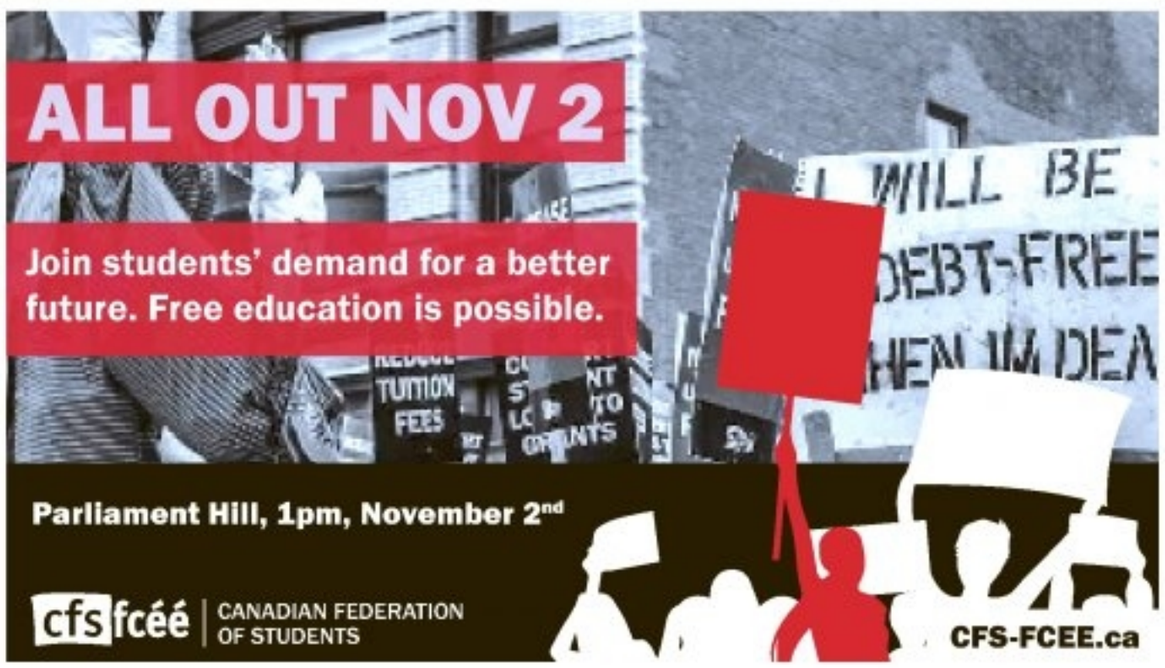
O'Connell said she'd like to see more women join the finance committee, but she defended the ability of her male colleagues to address things like pay equity just as well as her.

"My colleagues care about women's issues," O'Connell said. "I'm not always the only one raising things about women in the workforce."

The Liberals announced earlier in October they will introduce legislation compelling federally-regulated industries to give women equal pay for equal work, affecting about 874,000 employees.

But the legislation won't be tabled until the end of 2018, drawing criticism from labour rights advocates who worry there won't be enough time to pass it before the 2019 election.

In 2011, Statistics Canada found that women's salaries were 72 per cent of men's.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MOTORING

Canada can't be 'asleep at wheel' for journey to automated cars

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

The day is fast approaching when you can catch a few more zzz's on your way to work in a self-driving car, experts say.

But to make sure that future isn't a dystopian one, one leading expert says we can't afford to fall asleep at the wheel now.

"If we are all just thinking, 'Yahoo! I'm going to (switch) my regular car for an autonomous vehicle,' that is going to be a (pathway) to hell," said Robin Chase ahead of a talk in Ottawa this week.

Chase is the co-founder of Zipcar, the largest car-sharing company in the world, and an advisor to the U.S. government on integrating new technology into transportation.

She sees two futures for automated vehicles. One has society predicting and preparing for wide-sweeping social change, with car-sharing instead of people owning their own vehicles. The other vision is us trying to integrate driverless cars into our current systems — resulting in cities clogged by automated vehicle slaves that are cheaper to keep on the road than to park.

A Google self-driving car on exhibit at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. AP PHOTO/ERIC RISBERG

We need to act now, says Chase. Ford, Volkswagen and GM are aiming to release their first driverless cars around 2020.

But Canada is "way behind the other six countries in the G7 in terms of its preparation for (automated vehicles)," says industry expert Barrie Kirk.

He says the United Kingdom has spent £100 million on research and development of automated vehicles, while the U.S. has spent $4 billion.

Ontario, meanwhile, has spent only $3 million — "a drop in the ocean," says Kirk.

Canada also lags from a policy standpoint, he adds.

Some work is being done. Ottawa city council passed a motion to establish a centre of excellence and test driverless cars here.

But Kirk says more needs to be done — and it must be done quickly. He says the city should look at how automated cars will affect its light rail system.

ONE IN 2.4M

Safety first for Google fleet
As of March 2016, Google had test driven its fleet of driverless cars in autonomous mode a total of 2,400,000 km. Based on Google's own accident reports, their test cars have been involved in just 14 collisions, of which other drivers were at fault 13 times.

INVESTIGATION

Non-profits hire lawmaker for animal welfare 'deep dive'

A longtime bureaucrat who helped write animal welfare laws in Ontario has been hired by two non-profit organizations to perform a deep dive into the agency charged with enforcing those laws.

Zoocheck Canada and Animal Alliance Canada have hired Mike Zimmerman, who worked with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for decades before retiring last month, to lead an investigation into the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I think we have a very good animal welfare law, the OSPCA Act," said Zimmerman, who led a team that revised the act in 2009.

"But my concern is it might not be enforced effectively, equitably or with accountability."

The OSPCA is a registered charity that enforces animal cruelty laws across the province and has police powers under the act. It receives $5.5 million annually from the ministry to help cover its enforcement costs.

Zimmerman cites the fact the OSPCA is not subject to freedom-of-information legislation as an example of the society's lack of transparency.

Zoocheck director Rob Laidlaw said Zimmerman was a natural choice.

> **There is nobody better positioned at this time to conduct a review of this nature.**
> Rob Laidlaw, Zoocheck

"He was on the inside and understands the processes and understands the different perspectives and was actually involved in dealing with them in one way or another," Laidlaw said.

Animal Alliance said they have concerns that animal protection legislation is not consistently applied throughout Ontario.

In Premier Kathleen Wynne's mandate letters sent to ministers in late September, she asked for Community Safety Minister David Orazietti to review "the current animal welfare framework" in the province.

The OSPCA said it works with various organizations and special-interest groups routinely and didn't dismiss the upcoming investigation.

"As Ontario's animal welfare charity, we continually seek opportunities to improve protection of and conditions for animals," said OSPCA spokeswoman Melissa Kosowan.

Zimmerman will return with a number of recommendations when he produces his report, which will be made public, next March.

He and Zoocheck hope the government and the OSPCA participate in the investigation.

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Carleton students demand better sexual assault policy

CAMPUS VIOLENCE

Final draft of rules must address 'gag order': Activists

Brieanna Charlebois
For Metro | Ottawa

An open letter written by Carleton undergrads Jodi Rose Miles, left, Sally Johnson, right, and Caitlin Salvino calls for big changes. ADAM KVETON/FOR METRO

The first draft of Carleton University's sexual assault policy has raised significant concerns among students.

Now, three undergraduate students have written a letter calling for the school to make significant changes to the planned policy.

The students — Caitlin Salvino, Jodi Rose Miles and Sally Johnson — want, among other things, for third-party representatives to sit on the review board. They also want the university to lift what they call a "gag order" on sexual assault victims who wish to share their stories. The letter goes on to highlight issues surrounding rape culture and the importance of educating students on consent.

Only nine of 78 Canadian universities had a sexual violence policy as of November 2014.

That is changing now that Ontario's universities have to develop their own sexual assault policies, which will be renewed every four years and must allow for input from students.

The policy is self-proclaimed "survivor-centric," meaning the sexual assault victim's rights should be the primary concern of the institution.

But as it now stands, the person who complains doesn't have the right to know how their assailant has been punished. Since its release last Thursday, 165 students and faculty members have signed the letter, along with undergraduate and graduate student governments, six service centers, 25 clubs and two fraternities.

"We are really overwhelmed with the amount of support we received," Miles says.

"All students have been represented in some way, so I'd say we've reached our goal."

"Sexual violence is something that impacts everyone — either through their own experiences or through people they know," Salvino adds.

"Carleton should lead in challenging rape culture on campus. So, hopefully they take our letter into account before submitting their final draft."

Carleton released a 22-page draft of its sexual violence policy on Oct. 6. The school is accepting feedback on the policy until Oct. 28.

HINTONBURG

Swarm attacks warning

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police are calling for "extra vigilance" in Hintonburg as they search for multiple suspects connected to two armed swarmings.

On Oct. 21, three suspects wearing face coverings, one brandishing a gun, approached a man in an alleyway between Spadina and Bayswater avenues.

The second swarming, on Oct. 22, included three to four suspects who surrounded a woman at about 11 p.m. in the area of Bayswater and Gladstone avenues.

One suspect was armed with a knife.

In both cases, suspects took money and phones, and, in the first case, newly purchased groceries.

Police are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspects, but are not sure if the two incidents are linked.

Get ready: flu season is coming

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Winter is coming, and so is the flu.

Starting this week, the flu shot is once again available for free at pharmacies, doctors' offices and special clinics to anyone who wants it. And according to Ottawa Public Health's Dr. Robin Taylor, you should want it.

"It's a very severe illness for certain segments of the population," said Taylor. "If you're working around or living with people who are vulnerable, (it's about) protecting your family, protecting those you work with, your grandmother who's undergoing chemotherapy, that newborn in the house."

Kids, seniors and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to becoming severely ill if they catch the flu. Anyone over the age of five can get the shot at a participating pharmacy. Kids under five must go to their doctor's office or one of Ottawa Public Health's immunization clinics.

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Report reveals police stop certain races more often

ACCOUNTABILITY

Patterns emerge based on region, age, background

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

A breakdown of Ottawa police traffic stop data shows certain racial groups are pulled over more often depending on where in the city they're driving.

Police released the data Monday from a project conducted by two York University professors who took two years' worth of data from traffic stops to see if certain racial groups are stopped more often.

The study found both people of Middle Eastern descent and black people are stopped more often than the data would suggest. It also found men aged 16 to 24 age of all races are the most commonly pulled over, at 12 times more often.

Researcher Lesley Jacobs said the district level data is something the police will have to dig into more deeply to determine why some groups are pulled over more than others.

He said one challenge with the data is that it compares district numbers to the city of Ottawa as a whole.

"We don't have driving population profiles for each individual district," he said.

Only in the police's rural west district were men of Middle Eastern descent not the most disproportionately pulled over. In that area, white men between 16 and 24 were 2.5 times more likely to be pulled over.

In the West district, men of Middle Eastern descent were 10.5 times more likely to be pulled over and in the Central West 9.6 times more likely.

In the East district — which includes a wide swath of the city running between the airport and Beacon Hill — men of Middle Eastern descent were 17.5 times more likely to be pulled over.

Jacobs said it's possible the disparity is related to those districts having larger Middle Eastern communities, but it's also possible men of Middle Eastern descent might stick out more in those districts because there aren't large communities there. He said that's what will have to be looked at.

"It is a more complex story and the district issues bring that to the forefront."

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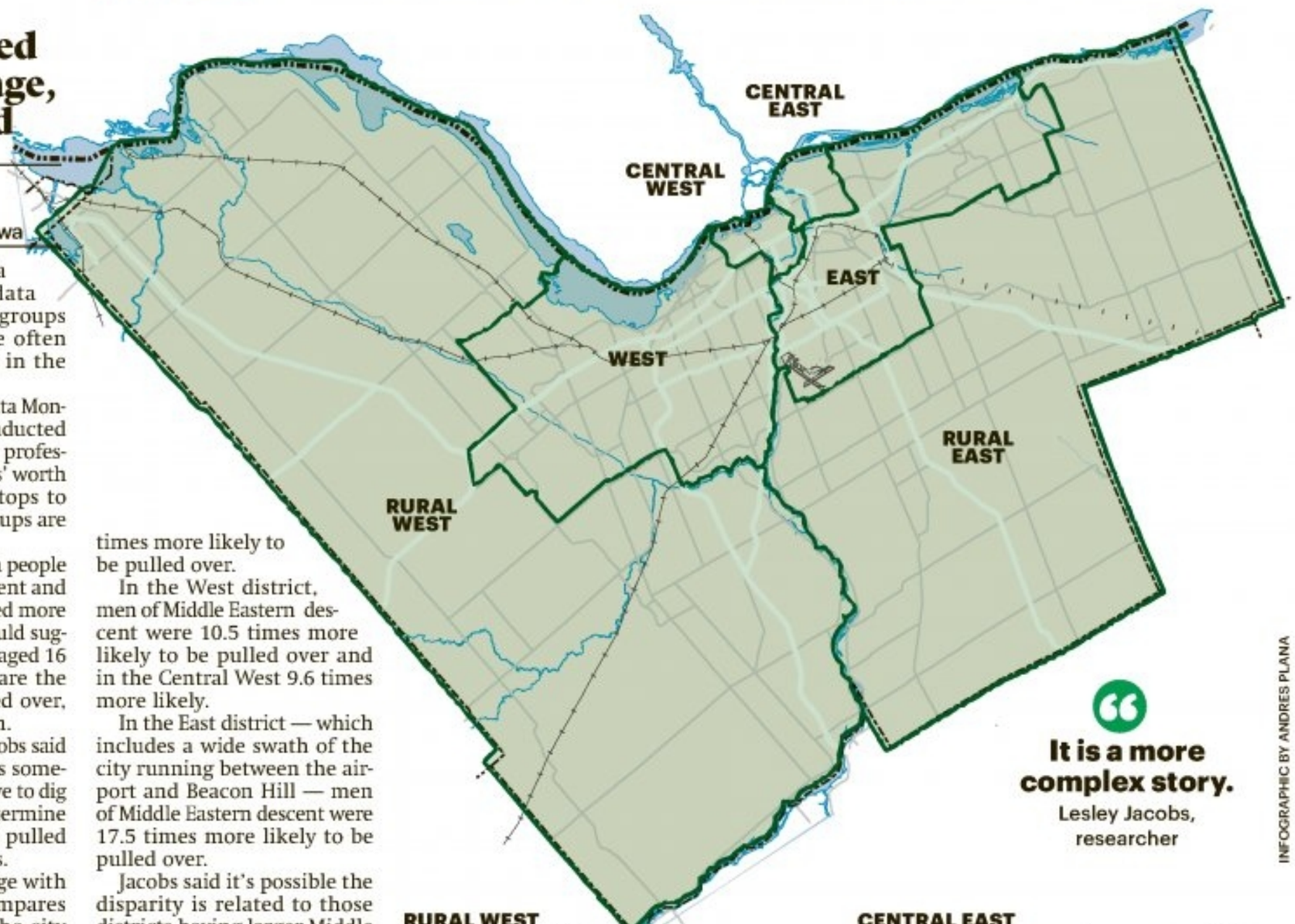

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White men aged 16 to 24: Stopped 2.5 times more than expected

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Men of Middle Eastern descent aged 16 to 24: Stopped 15.7 times more than expected

EAST
Men of Middle Eastern descent aged 16 to 24: Stopped 17.5 times more than expected

RURAL EAST
Men of Middle Eastern descent aged 16 to 24: Stopped 4.9 times more than expected

> **It is a more complex story.**
> Lesley Jacobs, researcher

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DIALOGUE

Findings prompt reaction

Both the Ottawa Police Association and the communities targeted in traffic stops more often than others say there is much more work to be done following a report on racial profiling released Monday.

Ottawa Police Association president Matt Skof said the report, which showed black and Middle Eastern drivers being pulled over more often than expected, doesn't show the whole picture.

"It does not take into account the neighbourhoods, nor does it take into account the deployment," he said.

Skof, who opposed the study, said a conversation with communities has to take place, but this report starts things on the wrong foot. He said police have to be open to community concerns and that would have happened regardless of what the data showed.

"Even if the data did not have any higher numbers, there would still be a conversation of the experience that people are having," he said.

He said while people have latched on to some numbers in the report, they have paid less attention to the information that officers can only tell the race of the person they're stopping 11 per cent of the time.

Ihsaan Gardee, executive director of the National Council of Canadian Muslims, said the report will get a lot of attention and Ottawa police now have to respond effectively.

Gardee said police need a good relationship with the people they protect, and that won't happen if communities feel targeted.

"It erodes trust and trust is key to effective policing."

The police service board has committed to have a plan to address the issue within six months.

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Ontario nurse faces eight murder charges

CRIME

Police allege woman drugged eight nursing home residents

Friends and families of elderly residents who died in care facilities in Southwestern Ontario between 2007 and 2014 are reliving their pain all over again.

Police laid eight first-degree charges on Tuesday against registered nurse Elizabeth Tracey Mae Wettlaufer, 49, of Woodstock, who is accused of murdering eight elderly nursing home residents between 2007 and 2014.

All the victims were nursing home residents in the Woodstock and London area over a seven-year period.

At a packed news conference, police said that Wettlaufer allegedly used drugs to end the lives of the eight residents. Police would not say if nursing home records showed that drugs had gone missing.

"This investigation is now being treated as a multiple homicide," said Woodstock police chief William Renton on Tuesday morning.

Lee Griffi, a spokesperson for Caressant Care Woodstock said the home is "co-operating fully with police investigating the actions of a former staff member, a registered nurse, who left our home's employ approximately two-and-a-half years ago."

Wettlaufer is being investigated by the College of Nurses of Ontario. The college is the regulatory body for nurses in the province.

Records show Wettlaufer was first registered as a nurse in August 1995, but resigned Sept. 30 of this year. She is no longer entitled to practise as a registered nurse. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

VICTIMS

Who were Elizabeth Tracey Mae Wettlaufer's alleged victims?

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- **Maurice (Moe) Granat**, 84, who died Dec. 23, 2007.
- **Gladys Millard**, 87, who died Oct. 14, 2011
- **Helen Matheson**, 95, who died Oct. 27, 2011
- **Mary Zurawinski**, 96, who died Nov. 7, 2011
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Protesters turn their backs on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa on Tuesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROTEST

Youth shun Trudeau

Dozens of delegates at a youth labour forum turned their backs Tuesday on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, using body language to express their frustrations with everything from global warming to so-called precarious work.

As Trudeau began taking questions from two of the forum's hosts, some delegates began to heckle and jeer while several rows of young people turned to face the back of the room, prompting harsh words from the prime minister himself.

Their actions sent the wrong signal to the other young people in the room, Trudeau said.

"It is a little bit frustrating for me to come in, sit down, look forward to hearing from you, talking with you, and seeing a room full of people who are standing in a way that shows they're not listening," he said.

"And I think it reflects poorly on everyone who does want to listen and engage."

While Trudeau was applauded and cheered by some for defending himself, several delegates shouted back, calling the PM a "hypocrite" and holding signs reading "Keep the Promise."

Many of the delegates were upset with the Liberal government's support for the controversial Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal, as well as Finance Minister Bill Morneau's recent comments about "job churn."

This past weekend, Morneau told Liberal party insiders in Niagara Falls that the government needs to prepare for high turnover and short-term contracts among youth because such jobs are here to stay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pakistan reels from militant attack

Survivors of an overnight attack that killed 61 people at a Pakistani police academy described chaotic scenes of gunfire and explosions, with militants shooting anyone they saw and cadets running for their lives and jumping from windows and rooftops.

A Taliban splinter group and an affiliate of Daesh made competing claims of responsibility for the four-hour siege late Monday at the Police Training College near the city of Quetta.

Most of the dead and the 123 wounded were recruits and cadets, said Wasay Khan, a spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps.

The nation reeled and sought to understand how militants were able to carry out such violence. Many Pakistanis were reminded of a 2014 attack by the Taliban on an army-run school in Peshawar in which more than 150 people were killed.

Broadcasters on Tuesday showed the aftermath of the attack: scorched windows and floors littered with the shoes of the dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TIM QUERENGESSER ON CBC'S UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

New federal funding isn't paying for journalists in the hinterlands. It's further solidifying the Corp.'s dominance of the mobile news pie, to the loss of everyone.

Back in June 2014, when the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation lost the rights for Hockey Night in Canada, Canada's private news media's future was set, more or less, to "Screwed."

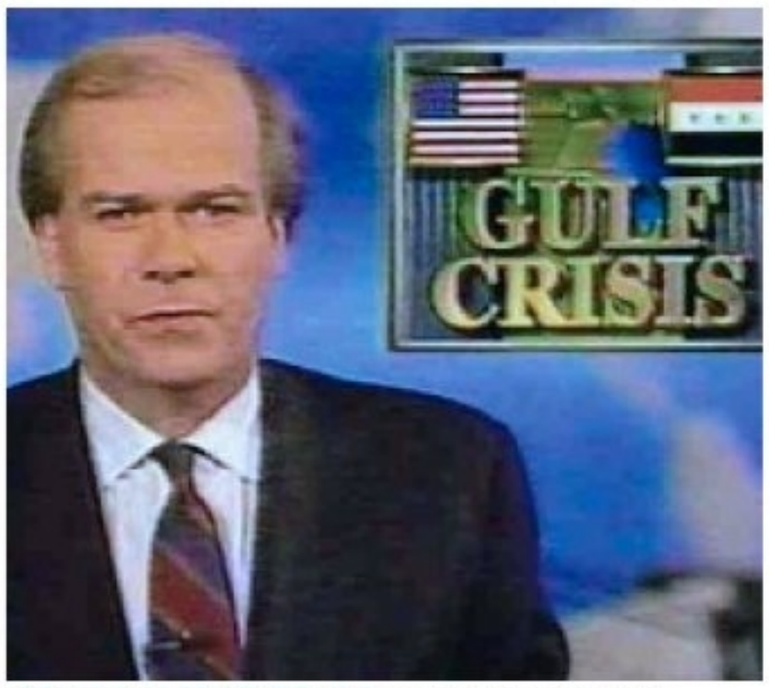
The Ceeb was losing its fattest revenue vein and entering survival mode just as news reportage was migrating to smartphones from newspapers, televisions, radios and desktop computers. It was then, as the broadcaster looked to reinvent itself, that all of us should have demanded its mandate be revisited — for every other news organization's sake.

Two years later, without that re-examination, the CBC's future is healthy while its competitors in privately owned print news cling to life. The reason: the CBC's wholesale migration to the mobile web, by way of which our tax dollars are underwriting print news (and now even newspaper-like opinion) for the price — zero — that most Canadians are willing to pay to read such stuff on their iPhones.

Last month, Canada lost the 111-year-old weekly print edition of Maclean's (it will now only publish weekly online, monthly in print) as part of the slow-motion cull in print news caused by advertising dollars flocking to other platforms. And last week, Postmedia announced it will lance 20 per cent from its salary load, which means more reporter losses on top of the 800 full-time jobs it has already shed in 2016.

Meanwhile, the Liberals have goosed the CBC's budget by $75 million this year and $150 million in years to come.

Is it really in Canada's best interest that a taxpayer-funded corporation is helping accelerate private media's demise?



1991 WAS ALONG TIME AGO The last time the CBC's mandate was revised, Peter Mansbridge looked like this.
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Ordinarily, I'd celebrate this with a craft beer during my nightly enjoyment of As it Happens. But I can't.

The new federal money isn't saving the mythical, journalists-in-the-hinterlands CBC. It's further solidifying the Corp.'s dominance of the Canadian mobile news pie, to the loss of everyone, including the non-broadcast newspapers and news websites, which are so vital to Canadian democracy.

And, yes, that means Metro, too.

The CBC's mandate was last revised in 1991. Unsurprisingly, the words "digital" and "online" don't appear. Instead, the mandate notes the CBC "should provide radio and television services" (in other words, the "broadcast" part of CBC) and should deliver these services "by the most appropriate and efficient means."

Let's think about that. Radio and television services can be many things, but they definitely aren't written web stories aimed at smartphone readers (though, to be fair, the CBC effectively used the web as an actual broadcast tool with the recent Rio Olympics, during which Canadians web-streamed hundreds of hours of coverage).

So when the CBC moves to increasingly monopolize the national, print-based smartphone audience, devaluing what the public thinks such news costs to produce, while simultaneously slashing regional newsrooms (in Edmonton and myriad other smaller markets, it's a running joke that few hold the high-pay title of "reporter" any longer), I have to cry foul.

While other media struggle to find new ways to pay journalists, the CBC simply continues to lure talent with a publicly funded alternative. Recently, it announced it will soon pay high word rates for opinion columns from outside contributors. Result: The usual publications in which I'd pay more to read this more exclusive, analytical stuff — The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail, the National Post and a million of their smaller-market siblings — all just received a publicly funded kick while they're already down.

Let's be clear: Private media has to figure out its own future. As Postmedia's recent numbers show, print advertising isn't going to save us. But as we reinvent ourselves, is it really in Canada's best interest that a taxpayer-funded corporation is helping accelerate our demise — one so seemingly precipitous that some have suggested newspapers also receive public subsidies?

No. The CBC's mandate needs to reflect the reality of today, not 1991, when a floppy disk could hold just 2.8 megabytes, Knowlton Nash had just retired and the worldwide web was a thing only academics talked about. The CBC's mandate says "broadcaster"; the CBC's actions say otherwise.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

Modest proposal: Black women do all the voting

Beyonce's Formation album and tour, Simon Biles at the Olympics, Michelle Obama's entire existence — black women have given the world so much. So: what if everyone else gave back and let only black women vote?

I find myself in the odd position of casually disenfranchising 90 per cent of Americans to suggest that, perhaps, only black women should go to the polls. Since we've learned that we're comfortable with fascism as long as it's entertaining, I'll make my case.

When I wrote about "nasty woman" t-shirts being a white woman's privilege, I started thinking about how black women actually figure into the presidential election. For black women, it's really not a simple choice. The Clintons do not have a strong legacy of supporting black communities. From Bill's community- and wealth-crushing welfare and crime legislation to Hillary's use of the term "super-predator" to describe black convicts to, more recently, her 2008 campaign's racially coded messaging (e.g., bragging about her support among whites), there are reasons for black women to not vote for her.

It's why a lot of black women joined the hashtag #GirlIGuessImWithHer. Clinton might not demilitarize the police but she at least knows that not all African-Americans live in the inner cities.

Sure, other groups are up to the task of saving democracy. Hispanic voters, most millennial groups and women overall could handily elect Clinton. But only black women would hand Donald Trump a truly humbling loss — a huge defeat, the hugest ever.

According to a YouGov poll, 90 per cent of black women will vote for Clinton (this, despite her having once whipped and nae-nae'd). I'm not sure what's going on with the other 10 per cent, so I'll guess that they're planning a write-in vote for any member of the Obama family, including Bo and Sunny, the dogs.

Ninety-four per cent of black women voted for Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012. In the primaries, Clinton won over 85 per cent of black female votes in states like Texas, Alabama and Georgia. Black women will ride-or-die for Democratic candidates.

The Mothers of the Movement, women who've lost family members to police violence, spoke at the Democratic convention and at campaign stops. Campaign Zero's Brittney Packnett endorsed Clinton. And even black women who don't ride for Clinton per se still voted for her. For example, #BlackLivesMatter co-founder Alicia Garza said to Elle magazine, "I voted for Clinton, but I don't support Clinton. I'm not 'with her' and I don't and won't endorse her."

Considering the threat to democracy and White House décor that Trump represents, let's dispense with suspense. He's going to claim it was rigged; we might as well rig it.

Everyone else can rest easy at home. Black women have got this.

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RECIPE

These fun ideas go beyond the regular treats

These 2 recipes are devilishly delicious, and the kids will have fun making them too.

Pineapple, Carrot and Apple Juice

The kids will never guess this sweet, wicked-looking brew is healthy.

The impressively frothy head comes from juicing the fruits and vegetable from scratch, while we've got the carrots to thank for the thematically appropriate colour.

The result is terrifyingly tasty, especially served chilled in a mad scientist's beaker!

Servings: 1.

Ingredients:
- 1/4 pineapple, peeled
- 2 carrots, peeled
- 1 green apple, cored

Directions:
1. Cut the fruit and carrots into pieces, if needed, and process through a juicer. Use chilled fruit or add ice cubes for a refreshing juice.

Marshmallow Ghosts

A mere 15 minutes is all it takes to scare up a batch of marshmallow ghosts, plus a little waiting time as they cool (you've got trick-or-treaters to cater to anyway).

Gelatin is the active ingredient here, whipped up with corn syrup and sugar until frothy and silky smooth. The classic marshmallow flavour comes from vanilla extract, and black food colouring gives the pillowy ghosts haunted expressions.

Spooky snacks

This sweet, wicked-looking brew is healthy, too, with pineapple, carrot and apple juice. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

These marshmallow ghosts are a fun treat for little hands.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prep: 15 minutes
Cooking: 2 minutes
Cooling: 2 hours
Servings: Makes 6 large marshmallows

Ingredients for the marshmallows:
- Vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) water
- 1/3 cup (70 g) sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup (35 g) icing sugar
- 1/4 cup (35 g) cornstarch
- 6 long lollipop sticks or coffee stirrers

Ingredients for the icing:
- 1/4 cup (35 g) icing sugar
- A few drops of water
- Black gel food colouring

Directions for the marshmallows:
1. Lightly oil six ice-pop moulds.

2. In a small saucepan, sprinkle the gelatin over the water and let bloom for 5 minutes.

3. Add the sugar and warm over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved. Pour into a bowl.

4. Add the corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until it forms a soft meringue. With a pastry bag fitted with a large tip, fill the ice-pop moulds.

5. Insert a lollipop stick at the centre of each mould and refrigerate for 2 hours.

6. On a plate, combine the icing sugar and cornstarch.

7. Unmould the marshmallows and gently roll in the icing sugar mixture. Shake to remove any excess.

8. Place the ghosts in a tall glass filled with small black and orange pebbles.

Directions for the icing:
1. In a bowl, combine the sugar, water and food colouring.

2. Use a paper cone or a small pastry bag to pipe the eyes on the ghosts.

Keep the marshmallows well wrapped, at room temperature, until ready to serve.
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Vancouver-born Madeleine Thien has won the 2016 Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction for her fourth book, Do Not Say We Have Nothing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Writing at the top of her game

AWARDS

Madeleine Thien wins Governor General's prize

For writers, few days get bigger than this.

Madeleine Thien Tuesday won the 2016 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction, worth $25,000, for her novel Do Not Say We Have Nothing. Later, the Montreal-based writer attended the 2016 Man Booker Prize ceremony in London as one of six finalists — and one of two Canadians — vying for the £50,000 ($81,000) award. She was in pole position to end a 14-year Man Booker drought for Canada, according to some bookies who had her listed as 2:1 to win.

Instead, Paul Beatty, author of The Sellout, a satirical novel about modern slavery and a race trial, made history as the first American to win the prestigious prize.

The other Canadian in this year's race was Montreal-born David Szalay for All That Man Is, who was joined on the list by Scotland's Graeme Macrae Burnet for His Bloody Project; Deborah Levy for Hot Milk; and Ottessa Moshfegh for Eileen. Like Thien, Szalay has a Montreal connection — he was born there, but moved to England when he was a year old and now lives in Hungary.

The last Canadian to win both the GG and the Booker prize in the same year was Toronto-Sri Lankan writer Michael Ondaatje for The English Patient, in 1992.

For Thien, 42, the impact of Do Not Say We Have Nothing, her fourth book, is astonishing; along with the GG and Booker prizes, it's also been short-listed for the $100,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize which will be awarded on Nov.7, and the Quebec Writer's Federation Literary Award. "I think I might be at the limit of excitement," she said in September, the week she found out she was on the Giller and Booker shortlists.

The story begins in Canada where a Chinese family takes in a young woman who fled China after the Tiananmen Square protests, but is mostly set in China, and follows the lives of two generations, musicians whose lives were affected by Mao's Cultural Revolution. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Black Mirror offers telling reflection

THE SHOW: Black Mirror, Season 3, Episode 1
THE MOMENT: The truck ride

In a near future where people rate one another via their phones, and one's rating determines social status, Lacie (Bryce Dallas Howard) is in a panic. She's trying to get to a wedding full of "high 4's" but due to travel screw-ups, her own rating keeps falling.

Truck driver Susan (Cherry Jones), whose rating is a low 1.4, offers Lacie a ride. Reluctantly, Lacie climbs in, then surreptitiously checks Susan's feed. Susan notices.

"1.4 — gotta be an anti-social maniac, right?" Susan asks.

Lacie's not accustomed to honesty. "No," she says, "you seem —"

"Normal?" Susan asks. "It took some effort. You don't look like a 2.8."

"I got marked down at the airport for yelling," Lacie explains.

"How did it feel?" Susan asks.

"Awful," Lacie replies.

"I meant the yelling," Susan says.

As you probably know, the title of this anthology series refers to our screens, and the episodes are cautionary tales against willingly subjugating ourselves to technology. This one, Nosedive, directed by Joe Wright (Atonement) and written by Parks and Recreation veterans Rashida Jones and Michael Schur (creator of The Good Place, which I'll discuss next week), is more comedic than most. But it's onto something about our near-constant need for validation.

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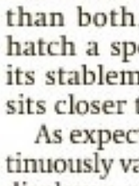
REVIEW

First hatch in 17 years delivers just like the sedan



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It's hard to believe it's been almost 17 years since a hatchback version of the Honda Civic was last sold in North America.

Sure, there was Honda's half-hearted attempt at reviving the beloved body style in the early 2000s with the niche three-door Civic Si, but even that was discontinued more than a decade ago, leaving a huge gap in the automaker's lineup. But Honda is ready to make up for lost time with an all-new Civic hatch aimed at fun and function.

In bringing the Civic hatch back to North American shores, Honda has cranked up the car's practicality with the addition of two rear doors. It rides on the same platform as the sedan and coupe models, but measures about 114 millimetres shorter than both, giving the Civic hatch a sportier stance than its stablemates — its wheels sits closer to the corners.

As expected, the Civic's continuously variable transmission displays a moderate amount of the 'rubber band' effect typical when the pedal is pressed hard, but quiets down when cruising.

Driving the twisting roads of Ontario's cottage country put the Civic hatchback's taut chassis to the test and it responded well, behaving more like the coupe than the sedan. Steering feel is still a little numb, but the variable-ratio setup helps tighten it up as the car reaches higher speeds and responds well to input.

The Civic hatch drives a bit like a mash-up of the coupe and sedan, feeling sporty enough to have fun while offering the all-important commuter comfort that's key in this segment.

The front of the Civic hatch's cabin looks and feels a lot like the sedan's, and that's because it is a lot like the sedan's. It looks every bit as modern as the rest of the Civic family but it could benefit from some soft-touch materials in place of the hard plastics found on the doors and dash.

When it comes to safety features, the Civic leads in the segment. Features like cruise control and automatic headlights are standard, while the Honda Sensing suite adds forward collision warning with collision mitigation braking, lane-keep assist and adaptive cruise control.

The car plays into the nostalgia of an entire generation, stirring up high school memories of unadulterated fun. It's a much more mature car now, so it's not the same Civic hatchback we grew up with, but rather a grown up car that's still fun and not too grown up.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 HONDA CIVIC HATCHBACK

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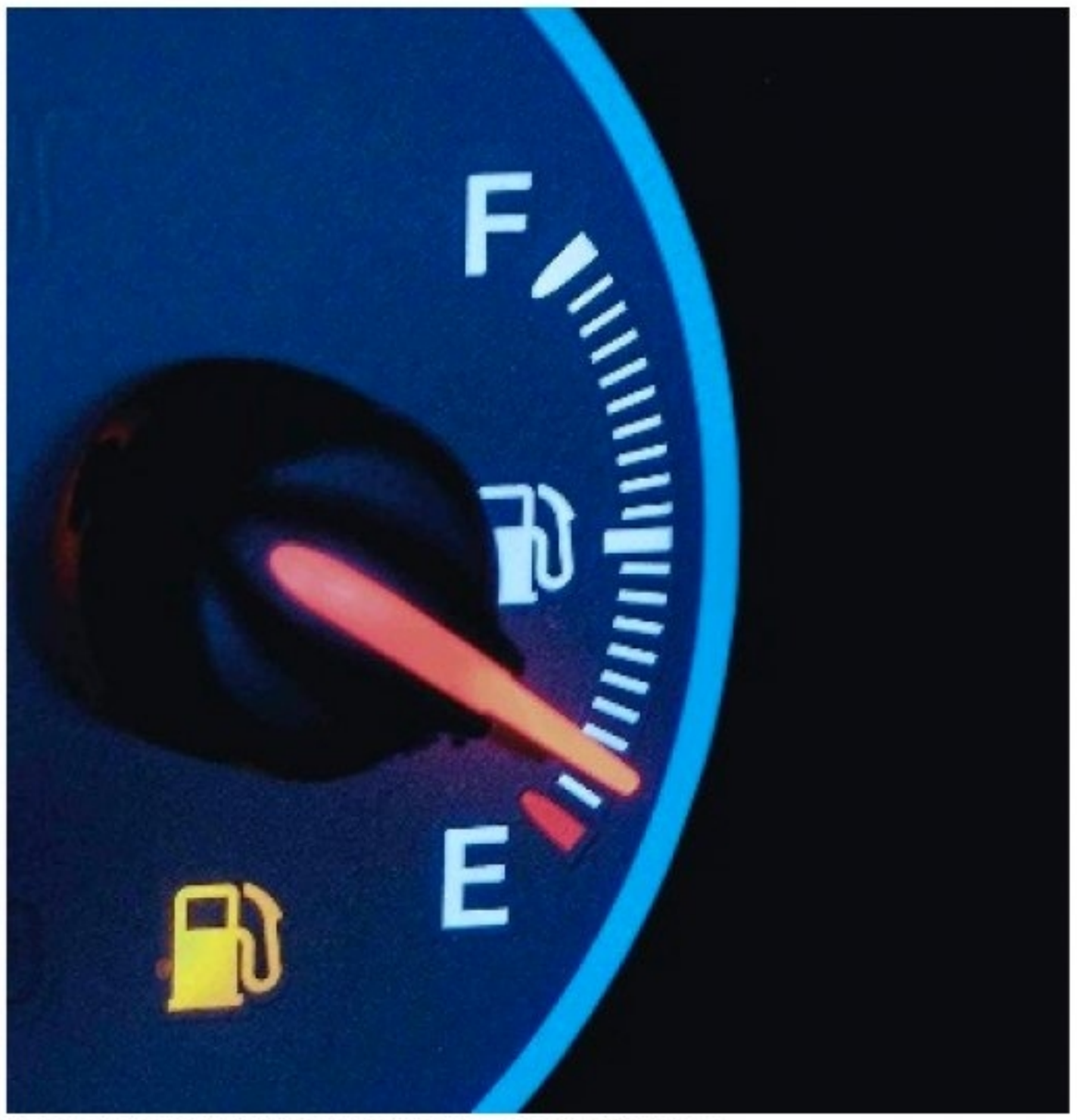

A near-empty tank hurts the car's fuel pump and fuel filter. ISTOCK

Running on empty is full of problems

CAR CARE

Ignoring gas hurts the car's fuel system

Sami Haj-Assaad
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Some drivers see their car's fuel gauge as a nagging parent; it lights up urging you to refuel like your mom or dad would remind you to clean your room. But don't ignore your car's insistence on refueling, because you can damage your car by running it on empty.

We've all been in the situation where you're driving along, possibly singing a song, when suddenly "DING" a low fuel warning light pops up and ruins all your fun because you have to take a pit stop or detour and get gas. You're either the type of driver that gets really nervous or you're the complete opposite, relaxed because "empty" is just a guideline or friendly suggestion.

Here's what you should know, regardless of which type of driver you are. The warning light indicates that the fuel has reached the reserve level, which is about 10 to 15 per cent of your tank's total capacity. You can use that reference along with your car's average fuel economy to calculate your remaining range, but it's a good idea to not risk running the car until it's dry.

While standing on the side of the road with your empty car waiting for a tow truck or walking to the nearest gas station and returning with a jerry can is embarrassing enough, there's another serious concern that could impact your wallet. And it will be way more expensive than a tank of gas.

In your fuel tank, there is a contraption called a fuel pump, which sends the fuel from the tank to the engine. The fuel pump relies on the gasoline in the tank to keep it cool and lubricated. Running the car with a low tank means that the pump isn't staying as lubricated as it should and is at risk of overheating. The obvious downside to this is premature failure of the pump.

That's a pretty expensive repair. Failing fuel pumps will lead to poor performance, particularly with a car not accelerating smoothly or starting at all.

Your fuel pump also has a fuel filter, which can quickly get dirty if you drive with a low tank. Since any sediment or dirt sinks to the bottom of the tank, the fuel filter could end up getting blocked or could take in dirty fuel, which also has costly consequences.

Ignoring your car's low fuel warning is generally a bad idea, and running your car on empty can cause serious and costly problems to your car's fuel system.

Keep that in mind the next time your car nags you to visit the gas station.

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Compact Car: Kia Forte

The **Kia Forte** scored highest in the Compact segment, followed by the Scion iM and the Mitsubishi Outlander.

Small Car

The **Hyundai Tucson** received the highest marks. Scion iA and the Fiat 500X ranked second and third.

Midsize Car

Chevy Camaro owners win out here. The Kia Sorento and Nissan Murano tied for second place.

Large Car

The **Nissan Maxima** scored highest. The Chevy Silverado Light Duty and GMC Sierra Light Duty follow.

Compact Premium

Owners of the popular **BMW 4 Series** love their tech. The Lexus IS and the Lincoln MKC ranked second and third.

Small Premium Car

The **BMW 2 Series** scored highest here. The Audi A3 comes in second, with the BMW X1 scoring third.

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Taking Canadian basketball to new heights

Danilo Djuricic is considered one of the best shooters in the world for his age. He recently announced his commitment to Harvard University, which had been recruiting him since Grade 9. CONTRIBUTED

WE THE NORTH

Who's holding court? These homegrown ballers have got next

Sean Deasy

It's no secret basketball is on the rise in Canada. It seems only fitting, since the sport's inventor, Dr. James Naismith, came from the Ottawa Valley.

Today, from neighbourhood playgrounds to pro arenas, more Canadian players are embracing a game that for so many years was overshadowed by hockey and, well, every other major professional sport. Now Canada can boast world-class athletes and coaches, who are honing their skills right at home and taking their country to new levels. Here's a glimpse of just some of the homegrown stars helping to put Canada on the basketball map.

Kia Nurse: Rising talent

Kia Nurse, a 20-year-old guard for the Connecticut Huskies and the Canadian national team from Hamilton, Ont., participated at the 2014 FIBA World Championship and won a gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games. Seems young for such accomplishments? Nurse has always outperformed for her age. She began dribbling a basketball at age four, and was playing in a competitive league by age seven.

As a teenager Nurse won 10 provincial championships between her high school and club teams. Still in high school, she was invited to train with Canada's national team as a future prospect. Nurse played so well she earned a spot on the squad. Now she's set to take her game — and Canada — to new heights.

Dwight Powell: True power

Talk about real power — both brain and brawn. Not only is Dwight Powell a power forward for the Canadian national team and for the Dallas Mavericks, he's also a graduate of prestigious Stanford University.

He grew playing basketball in Toronto inspired by the Raptors and Canadian icon Steve Nash, but didn't get serious until middle school. He was a standout in high school in Florida, and went on to an illustrious college career. As a senior Powell earned first-team All-Pac-12 honours for the second straight year, and was named to the NCAA All-South Regional Team. He was also named the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Now he's looking to help Canada grow in stature on the global basketball stage.

Clockwise from top left: Kia Nurse, Dwight Powell, Alyssa Jerome and Natalie Achonwa. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Alyssa Jerome: Canadian U-18 phenomenon

What do you do growing up with a passion for basketball? You compete with anyone and everyone to get better. That's just what teenage phenom Alyssa Jerome has done in her hometown of Toronto. Did it work?

Jerome tried out for her provincial team — and made it. She then tried out for — and made — the national team. And in just her second year, she led the U-17s to a world championship. Now she's the No. 1 ranked U-18 player in Canada — at just 16. Now she's poised to take her game — and her studies — to the next level south of the border: She has just committed to Stanford University.

Danilo Djuricic: Shooting star

This is a baller whose shooting for the stars. Not only is six-foot-eight Danilo Djuricic a key player for the future of Canadian basketball, he's also one accomplished young man. The A-student recently announced his commitment to Harvard University, which has been recruiting him since he was in Grade 9. Considered one of the best shooters in the world for his age, Djuricic helped guide the Canadian team to a silver medal at the U-18 FIBA Americas in 2015. Djuricic, 17, who grew up in Brampton, Ont., was inspired by other hardworking Brampton ballers like Anthony Bennett. The forward is looking to continue to polish his game and, after graduation, has dreams of making it in the pro league.

Natalie Achonwa: Power broker

Natalie Achonwa knows how to get things done. Not only was the forward selected ninth overall in the WNBA draft by the Indiana Fever, but at just 23 she's already a two-time Olympian who has won three international medals with Team Canada. She is also the youngest player ever selected to the Canadian senior national team at age 16.

Achonwa was recruited as the first ever international player on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's basketball team. In 2011, Achonwa was named to the big east all-freshman team and was selected big east freshman of the week in her freshman season. In her junior season, she was named as an honorable mention for the Associated Press all-America team.

The Guelph-Ont.,-born baller is now looking forward to what the Canadian women's team is about to unleash on the rest of the basketball world.

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NBA

Raps star says eliminating mistakes key to making playoffs

They will search for perfection knowing full well it is unattainable, but the attempt to eliminate tiny mistakes and to learn from them in the middle of the grind of an NBA season will be what drives the Toronto Raptors.

They know they are good but not great. They have tasted playoff success few thought possible, but fell short of the ultimate goal. They go into the 82-game marathon that begins Wednesday night firmly aware that ridding themselves of bad habits in the next six months will be crucial to success in the playoffs.

"It seems like everything you do is a mistake because you want to do it completely right, because you know the small margin of error you have when playoff time comes," DeMar DeRozan said Tuesday on the eve of Toronto's season-opening outing against the Detroit Pistons at the Air Canada Centre.

"You're really more concerned about the little things you mess up on because later in the season, late in games, that's what decides whether you win or lose."

This is a season unlike any other in the franchise's history. Coming off their best season ever — 56 wins, two playoff series victories, a six-game trip through the Eastern Conference final — the Raptors are now the hunted rather than the hunter.

> **We have to be the hardest working team.**
> Raptors coach Dwane Casey

Teams like Boston, Indiana and Detroit are taking dead aim at them. The Raptors are a measuring stick and that's never been the case in the 22-year history of the team.

They return the basic core of last year's team — the injured Jared Sullinger is the nominal Bismack Biyombo alternative — and that continuity has to count for something. Four of Wednesday night's five starters started Game 1 last year. Backups Cory Joseph, Terrence Ross, Patrick Patterson and Norm Powell remain.

It is a huge benefit, one that they will need to exploit as the season goes on.

"It's always kind of been our advantage the last couple of years, the camaraderie, the knowing one another, the coaching staff," DeRozan said. "Not too much changes and we kind of lean on that a lot ... hopefully it'll pull through for us now, especially with the injuries we have, a couple guys down."

The down guys are Sullinger and Lucas Nogueira and that represents a huge dent in Toronto's front court. But during this ascension through the East — more wins each of the last four seasons than the one previous — coach Dwane Casey has dealt with injuries and his message has never wavered.

This year, despite the success of 2015-16, is no different.

"We have to be the hardest-working team ... we have to do it collectively as a group and we've got to have the same mentality," he said.

"I know you guys get tired of hearing me say the same thing, but it's about consistency. That's not going to change."

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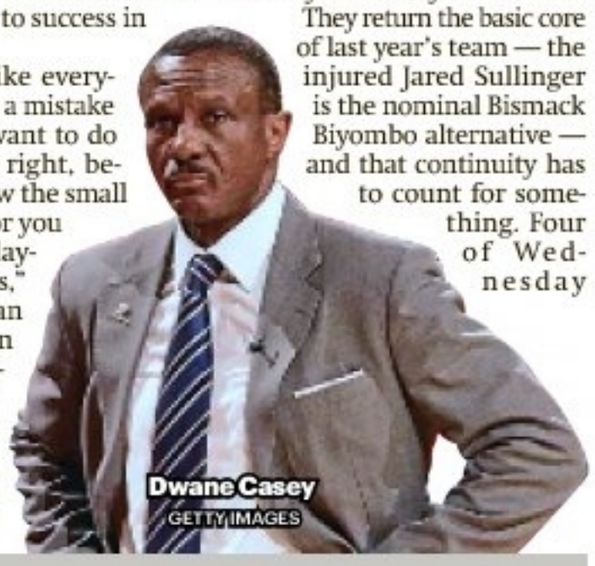
Dwane Casey GETTY IMAGES

DeMar DeRozan knows what it will take for the Raptors to surpass last season's historic feat. NED DISHMAN/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

SOCCER

Fury set to leave NASL for the USL

Ottawa Fury FC is leaving the North American Soccer League next year to join the United Soccer League. The Tampa Bay Rowdies are doing the same.

"We're excited to be joining the fastest-growing soccer league in the world," Fury FC president John Pugh said in a statement. "The USL's goal is to be the top second division in the world and we are thrilled to be part of it."

The 29-team USL had already announced Reno 1868 FC as an expansion club for the 2017 season, with Nashville SC set to join in 2018.

The NASL is considered the second tier of soccer in North America between the MLS and USL. But the USL, which already has Canadian franchises in the form of farm teams run by the Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver MLS franchises, has been expanding recently.

The Rowdies and Fury FC are expected to join the USL's Eastern Conference for the 2017 season that kicks off March 24.

The departures leave the NASL at 10 teams, including FC Edmonton. NASL commissioner Bill Peterson said his league will continue to seek new partners and has "ambitious plans for growth."

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IN BRIEF

Brown released by Giants

The New York Giants have released placekicker Josh Brown after police documents revealed Brown had admitted to repeatedly abusing his former wife while they were married.

The release came Tuesday shortly after the player issued a statement insisting that he never hit his wife during a six-year period when he admits spousal abuse. Giants president John Mara says the team was "misguided" in how it handled its relationship with Brown.

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Francona toying with idea of playing Santana left field

Indians manager Terry Francona says he's considering playing Carlos Santana in left field at Chicago's Wrigley Field, where Cleveland will not have the designated hitter for Games 3-5 against the Cubs.

Santana took fly balls in left the past few days, and Francona said the first baseman/DH is willing to play the outfield.

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NHL

Lucic wants Oilers to keep foot on pedal

The NHL season is still young, but the Edmonton Oilers find themselves navigating a new and somewhat disorienting challenge — success.

The Oilers have won five of their first six games. With 10 points, they sit second overall in the NHL, behind Montreal, and tops in the Western Conference heading into NHL action Tuesday.

It's new territory for a tire fire franchise that has missed the playoffs for 10 seasons in a row in a water-torture drip of lose-lose-win, lose-lose-win, lose-lose.

"Learning how to keep your foot on the gas pedal — that's one of the hardest things to learn," Oilers winger Milan Lucic said Tuesday.

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Number of points the Oilers have after their first six games of the season, leaving them atop the Western Conference.

"Coming to the rink wanting to win and expecting to win. It all starts with the mindset. That's how you build that culture."

Lucic, a bruising Mack Truck-style forward, won a Stanley Cup with Boston and has been one of the key improvements this year. But the Oilers have the arrows pointing up across the board.

The addition of Adam Larsson along with Kris Russell and a healthy Oscar Klefbom has solidified the defence.

Goaltender Cam Talbot leads the NHL with five wins and captured the league's first star award this week. Connor McDavid is tied for the NHL points lead, with four goals and five assists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton winger Milan Lucic CODIE MCLACHLAN/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Slow Cooker Butter Chicken

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This takeout classic gets a healthy update with coconut oil but if you don't have any on hand, use butter and get an equally delicious result.

Ready in 6 to 8 hours
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 to 8 hours
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 lb chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 5 oz tube of tomato paste
- 1 heaping Tbsp curry powder
- 1 14 oz coconut milk
- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp coconut oil
- small handful of cilantro for garnish

Directions

1. Put everything in the slow cooker and stir it all around.

2. Close the lid.

3. Set the timer for 6 hours. Don't worry if you need to be away from home for 8 hours or longer — it will be okay.

4. Serve with a big spoonful of jasmine rice and a sprinkling of cilantro.

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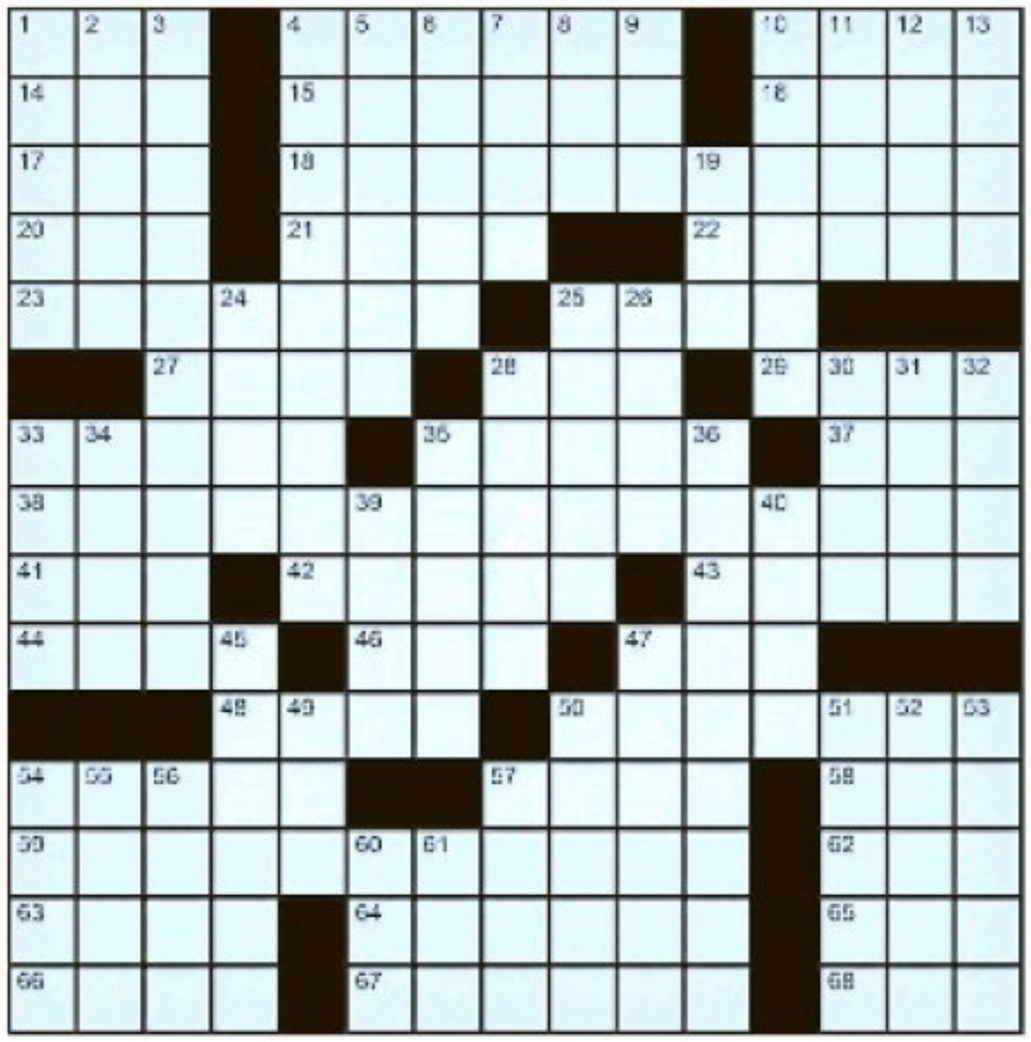

ACROSS
1. "Party Hard" singer Andrew, et al.
4. "I'm Sorry": 1960 chart-topper for _ Lee
10. Tomato variety
14. Excavated deposit
15. Fix the food portions
16. Malefic
17. French body of water
18. Strenuosity
20. Evergreen tree
21. "Buenos _!"
22. Connecting points
23. Greg, to Carol Brady
25. _-Flush
27. Heartburn relief brand
28. Car engine's need
29. Survive
33. Ms. Belafonte of '80s TV show "Hotel"
35. Creaky location in many horror movies
37. 'Auction' suffix
38. Prince Charles since #59-Across' reign began in 1952: 4 wds.
41. "Whistle _ the Lave O't": Song by Scottish poet Robert Burns
42. Dragged into court
43. Moms of cousins
44. _ bargain
46. Outlying
47. Canadian politicians, e.g.
48. I _ You! (Away-from-home sentiment)
50. Skilfulness
54. Paxton and Evans
57. Rockefeller Center muralist
58. Mary _ Retton
59. Mum of the royal guy at #38-Across: Name + Roman Numeral
62. Hasty escape
63. Business' symbol on letterhead
64. Men's business-wear accessory, variantly: 2 wds.
65. Belief system
66. Comic books legend Mr. Lee
67. Concentrating/focused: 2 wds.
68. Swine's farm area

DOWN
1. Mr. Blitzer's of CNN
2. Brightly banded snake
3. Writer's fancy-sounding desk
4. Former CFL player who hosts Food Network's "Chopped Canada": 2 wds.
5. Cosine and sine
6. _ Frome (1911 Edith Wharton novel)
7. Naughts
8. _-eyed
9. _-Man (Marvel Comics superhero)
10. Drawback from sudden fear
11. Love poet of ancient Rome
12. Stage setting, _-en-scene
13. Charity contributions
19. Weekend getaway accommodation
24. Happy meower's noise
25. Located
26. Descended, as from a perch
28. Survey selection
30. "_ Flux" (2005) starring Charlize Theron
31. Placed the envelope in the box
32. Very, in Verdun
33. Store
34. Manolo Blahnik part
35. 1957 Ayn Rand novel, _ Shrugged
36. Dried lips balm
39. Clods
40. Autumn shade
45. Books-selling website
47. Shriver and Sharapova
49. Patience _ _ virtue
50. Zubin _ (Celebrated conductor)
51. Actress, Tracee _ Ross
52. _ beef
53. Delicious
54. Salts, in Sherbrooke
55. Much: 2 wds.
56. Latvia's capital city
57. Leave the text in
60. Post-Guess Who gr.
61. German article

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be delighted by any chance to travel for pleasure today. This also is a good day to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way today. People are just generous to you!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a lovely day to relate to others, especially partners and close friends. Feelings of generosity and well-being will bless all your relationships today.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Work-related travel is likely today. If so, this is something you will enjoy. Meanwhile, praise and assistance from others will make your job easier. Yay!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a wonderful, creative day! It's a great day to enjoy sports events and playful activities with children. All social activities, including romantic rendezvous, will please you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today is a much better day to make decisions about home-decorating projects. It's also a good day to entertain at home, as well as to explore real-estate opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are in top form today! You're charming, diplomatic and happy to talk to everyone. Appreciate the beauty of your everyday surroundings. Appreciate the love in your world.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day for business and commerce, because you can see ways to boost your assets. You might get a raise or a better job, or you might make a perfect purchase..

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are so charming today! Everyone wants to see your face. In turn, you feel loved and happy. Enjoy your day!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Secret love affairs are taking place for some of you. (You know who you are.) Others will enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings. Perfect.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a popular day for you! Enjoy schmoozing with others. Classes, meetings and groups will be a positive experience for you. In fact, all of your interactions with others will benefit you today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might develop a crush on your boss today. Others will approach you for advice on how to make something look more attractive. Don't hesitate to speak your mind.

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